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Application No.: 09/693770 Group Art Unit: 3764  
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Title: CURABLE OFF-LOADING FOOTWEAR AND METHODS

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This is in response to the outstanding Office Action, dated March 22, 2005, in the above-identified application.

Under the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.136(a), Applicant petitions to extend the period for filing a reply in the above-identified application. The requested extension and appropriate fee are as follows (check time period desired):

- ☒ 37 CFR § 1.17(a)(1) - Extension within first month  
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